WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Raiment of commission by the Food Corporation of India

312. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL 'PLIES be pleased to state:

a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporaion of lndia is paying Rs. 15 •es as Commissio, !! for the procurenVnt of wheat;

(b) if so, whether Government propose 1o scrap the agency system and to employ rhcir own employees for the procurement (cheat and other items for the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposal is iy to be implemented?

!HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL PLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The FCI procures foodgrains directly from the farmers in all Hie States except in Punjab and Haryana, white the farmers have the option to sell their produce in the regulated markets th:. nigh kachha arthias, under the State •Iments. During 1985-86, about Rs. 21 crores was paid to these arthias, as com-. mission for services rendered.

11 is the policy $_0$f the Central Government *to* eliminate intermediaries *to* (he -extent possible from the procurement operations. The State Governments have been advised, from time to time, to do aw ly with the system of intermediaries in the procurement of foodgrains, wherever they exist, by amending their marketing laws if necessary.

Loans to individuals b. v th$_E$ HUDCO

-331. SHRI M. A. BABY. Will the Minister 6f URBAN DEVELOPMENT be ple'ased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hous-tn ' and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) extend loans to individuals for the construction of houses;

(b) ff so, whether it is also a fact that the HUDCO had not granted evcn a single loan so far to any individual for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons theiefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Loans are given by HUDCO to ing Boards, Development Authorities Improvement Trusts etc. 'and are not given directly to individuals.

(b) and '(c) Do not arise.

Indira Gandhi Canal Project

*332. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be plensed to refer to the reply to Starred Question 53 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February. 1987 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the work. on the second phase of'the Indira Gan-the Canal Project-had been stepped up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the second phase of 'he Indira Gandhi Canal Project an out'ay of Rs. 65. 5 crores, including Rs. 15 crores from the Centre as special assistance under the Border Aren Deye'onment Programme, has been provided for the year 1987-KS as against the outlay of Rs. 42 crores for 1986-87.

Allotment of flats in pocket 'C of sidd-hnrth Extension project

""333. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT b? pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that more than. 75 per cent of the successful persons in the DDA draw of the 7th July, 1982 for Pocket 'C Siddharth Extension Project*

who h'acl deposited 90 per cent of the estimated cost of the flats til] the 3rd March 1984 arc till to he given possession of Hats allotted to them;

(to) if so, what are the reasons foi the delaj in (his regard; and

(c) whether the DDA propose to allot Bats of pocket lC to these persons who are not. covered under the Self-Financing Sehcme. md who had not deposited -any monej for these Rats, by passing those who are covered by the Self-Financing Scheme and who had already deposited more ihan 90 per cent of the cost of flats of Packet 'C Siddharth Extension Project?

MU MINIS 1 IR OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a i to fc) Jn the draw of tots hold in July, 1982 for allotment of 550 SIS flats (category U), flats have been allotted to 216 persons in March, 1986, out of which 200 have already taken over possession. Remaining 7 persons have yet to comply with the requisite formalities. Due to dispute about land some flats could. not come up in time. 120 flats are likely to be ready by September, 1987. 136 rn December, 1987 and 136 more by September, 1988. These flats will be allotted in phases.

Since the number of flats available finally in the Siddarth Extension in more than the number of SFS registrants who had applied and are left, the DDA proposes to give the remaining _ flats (3 the registrants of the various General Housing Registration Schemes upto 1976.

Cental Vigilance commission advice to tile D. D. A.

334. SHRI LAL K. ADVANL-SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN.

Will the Minister $_0$f URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission in its 22nd report had given advice to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) related to certain. cases regarding procedure for beginning a work to avoid wastage and irregularities; and

(b)' if SO, what are the details thereof •and the action taken thereon with results achieved so

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSlNA KIDWAI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) DDA has been adyised:

(i) lo enforce the role that works should not be commenced unless administrative approval, expenditure sanction and technical sanction are accorded;

(ii) about the need for mandatory tests during the progress of the work;

(i i i i about control of issue and utilisation of specified materials in the contract; and

(iv) to avoid the ambiguities in specification and also to achieve economy in structural designs as per the standard codes of practice.

A check on the following salient points, 'as per the procedure laid down has been reinforced at all levels by th° DDA to -ensure strict compliance: —

I. A properly thought-out Preliminary Estimate of details and cost is examined for necessity of the work, expenditure involved, time frame $_A x \backslash i$ the benefits ihaf wil] accrue.

If. A proper agency examines all technical and functional requirements.

III. Competitive tenders are invited *in.* a public manner by giving wide publicity, and decisions are aken by the competent authority to fix the agency for construction.

IV. A thorough examination of site conditions to judge its suitability for the structure, strength of soil and availability of services is carried out.

V. strict quality control measures are taken which include frequent checks by Supervisory Officials and by Quality Control Officers at regular intervals,